

REGISTERED AMERICAN SEAMEN.

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LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

TRANSMITTING

*An abstract of returns of registered American seamen.*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
*Washington, February 2, 1860.*

SIR: In compliance with the act of Congress of March 2, 1799, I have the honor to communicate an abstract of the returns made to this department by collectors of the customs, pursuant to the act of May 28, 1796, for the relief and protection of American seamen, showing the number of seamen registered in the several ports of entry of the United States during the year ending September 30, 1859.

I have the honor to transmit also, herewith, a statement exhibiting the number of seamen registered in the United States during each of the last twenty years, namely, from September 30, 1839, to September 30, 1859; and to be, sir, your obedient servant,

LEWIS CASS.

Hon. WILLIAM PENNINGTON,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

*Abstract of returns of American seamen registered in the several ports of entry of the United States during the year ending September 30, 1859.*

Quarterly returns in each district.	Citizens.	
	Native.	Naturalized.
<b>MAINE.</b>		
PORTLAND AND FALMOUTH.		
4th quarter, 1858, Moses Macdonald, collector -----	300	12
1st quarter, 1859 -----do-----	212	5
2d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	128	4
3d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	74	5
Total -----	714	26
PASSAMAQUODDY.		
4th quarter, 1858, Robert Burns, collector -----	31	-----
1st quarter, 1859 -----do-----	15	-----
2d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	66	-----
3d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	85	1
Total -----	197	1
BANGOR.		
4th quarter, 1858, D. F. Leavitt, collector -----	61	-----
1st quarter, 1859 -----do-----	17	1
2d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	82	-----
3d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	80	2
Total -----	240	3
BATH.		
4th quarter, 1858, Joseph Berry, collector -----	46	1
1st quarter, 1859 -----do-----	9	-----
2d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	48	-----
3d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	10	-----
Total -----	113	1
MACHIAS.		
4th quarter, 1858, A. F. Parlin, collector -----	17	-----
1st quarter, 1859 -----do-----	14	-----
2d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	15	-----
3d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	8	-----
Total -----	54	-----

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<b>MAINE—Continued.</b>		
SACO.		
4th quarter, 1858, A. A. Hanscom, collector -----	5	1
1st quarter, 1859 -----do-----	1	-----
2d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	2	-----
3d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	-----	-----
Total -----	8	1
KENNEBUNK.		
4th quarter, 1858, John Cousens, collector -----	8	-----
1st quarter, 1859 -----do-----	1	-----
2d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	-----	-----
3d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	-----	-----
Total -----	9	-----
BELFAST.		
4th quarter, 1858, J. G. Dickerson, collector -----	31	-----
1st quarter, 1859 -----do-----	8	-----
2d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	7	-----
3d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	11	1
Total -----	57	1
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE.</b>		
PORTSMOUTH.		
4th quarter, 1858, Augustus Jenkins, collector -----	11	-----
1st quarter, 1859 -----do-----	-----	-----
2d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	3	-----
3d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	6	-----
Total -----	20	-----
<b>MASSACHUSETTS.</b>		
BOSTON.		
4th quarter, 1858, Arthur W. Austin, collector -----	242	10
1st quarter, 1859 -----do-----	248	9
2d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	227	16
3d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	225	7
Total -----	942	42

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MASSACHUSETTS—Continued.		
NEW BEDFORD.		
4th quarter, 1858, C. B. H. Fessenden, collector-----	501	9
1st quarter, 1859-----do-----	58	1
2d quarter, 1859-----do-----	428	1
3d quarter, 1859-----do-----	586	3
Total-----	1,573	14
NEWBURYPORT.		
4th quarter, 1858, James Blood, collector-----	18	-----
1st quarter, 1859-----do-----	18	-----
2d quarter, 1859-----do-----	12	-----
3d quarter, 1859-----do-----	5	-----
Total-----	53	-----
NANTUCKET.		
4th quarter, 1858, E. W. Allen, collector-----	37	1
1st quarter, 1859-----do-----	2	-----
2d quarter, 1859-----do-----	18	-----
3d quarter, 1859-----do-----	12	-----
Total-----	69	1
FALL RIVER.		
4th quarter, 1858, P. W. Leland, collector-----	24	3
1st quarter, 1859-----do-----	1	-----
2d quarter, 1859-----do-----	2	-----
3d quarter, 1859-----do-----	3	1
Total-----	30	4
PLYMOUTH.		
4th quarter, 1858, W. Wadsworth, collector-----	6	1
1st quarter, 1859-----do-----	2	-----
2d quarter, 1859-----do-----	11	-----
3d quarter, 1859-----do-----	-----	-----
Total-----	19	1
EDGARTOWN.		
4th quarter, 1858, C. Norton, collector-----	20	1
1st quarter, 1859-----do-----	-----	-----
2d quarter, 1859-----do-----	27	-----
3d quarter, 1859-----do-----	10	-----
Total-----	57	1

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MASSACHUSETTS—Continued.		
SALEM AND BEVERLY.		
4th quarter, 1858, Wm. B. Pike, collector-----	36	-----
1st quarter, 1859-----do-----	27	3
2d quarter, 1859-----do-----	45	-----
3d quarter, 1859-----do-----	38	1
Total-----	146	4
BARNSTABLE.		
4th quarter, 1858, S. B. Phinney, collector-----	5	-----
1st quarter, 1859-----do-----	4	-----
2d quarter, 1859-----do-----	8	1
3d quarter, 1859-----do-----	1	-----
Total-----	18	1
MARBLEHEAD.		
4th quarter, 1858, Wm. Bartoll, collector-----	3	-----
1st quarter, 1859-----do-----	1	1
2d quarter, 1859-----do-----	7	-----
3d quarter, 1859-----do-----	-----	-----
Total-----	11	1
RHODE ISLAND.		
PROVIDENCE.		
4th quarter, 1858, James A. Aborn, collector-----	23	-----
1st quarter, 1859-----do-----	20	-----
2d quarter, 1859-----do-----	17	-----
3d quarter, 1859-----do-----	9	-----
Total-----	69	-----
BRISTOL AND WARREN.		
4th quarter, 1858, G. H. Reynolds, collector-----	10	-----
1st quarter, 1859-----do-----	9	1
2d quarter, 1859-----do-----	1	1
3d quarter, 1859-----do-----	5	-----
Total-----	25	2

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RHODE ISLAND—Continued.		
NEWPORT.		
4th quarter, 1858, Gilbert Chase, collector-----	23	-----
1st quarter, 1859 -----do-----	15	-----
2d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	6	1
3d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	13	1
Total -----	57	2
NEW YORK.		
NEW YORK CITY.		
4th quarter, 1858, Augustus Schell, collector-----	268	128
1st quarter, 1859 -----do-----	108	23
2d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	209	49
3d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	90	15
Total -----	675	215
PENNSYLVANIA.		
PHILADELPHIA.		
4th quarter, 1858, J. B. Baker, collector-----	132	11
1st quarter, 1859 -----do-----	172	9
2d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	165	4
3d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	98	8
Total -----	567	32
MARYLAND.		
BALTIMORE.		
4th quarter, 1858, J. Thomson Mason, collector-----	17	1
1st quarter, 1859 -----do-----	7	1
2d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	12	-----
3d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	7	-----
Total -----	43	2
VIRGINIA.		
RICHMOND.		
4th quarter, 1858, W. M. Harrison, collector-----	4	-----
1st quarter, 1859 -----do-----	1	-----
2d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	-----	-----
3d quarter, 1859 -----do-----	5	-----
Total -----	10	-----

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VIRGINIA—Continued.		
ALEXANDRIA.		
4th quarter, 1858, E. S. Hough, collector-----	2	-----
1st quarter, 1859-----do-----	8	-----
2d quarter, 1859-----do-----	2	3
3d quarter, 1859-----do-----	2	1
Total-----	14	4
NORFOLK AND PORTSMOUTH.		
4th quarter, 1858, J. J. Simkins, collector-----	141	1
1st quarter, 1859-----do-----	98	-----
2d quarter, 1859-----do-----	65	-----
3d quarter, 1859-----do-----	71	-----
Total-----	375	1
NORTH CAROLINA.		
PLYMOUTH.		
4th quarter, 1858, J. Hamsey, collector-----	21	1
1st quarter, 1859-----do-----	11	-----
2d quarter, 1859-----do-----	7	-----
3d quarter, 1859-----do-----	8	-----
Total-----	47	1
SOUTH CAROLINA.		
CHARLESTON.		
4th quarter, 1858, W. F. Colcock, collector-----	13	-----
1st quarter, 1859-----do-----	2	-----
2d quarter, 1859-----do-----	14	-----
3d quarter, 1859-----do-----	10	-----
Total-----	39	-----
GEORGIA.		
SAVANNAH.		
4th quarter, 1858, John Boston, collector-----	27	-----
1st quarter, 1859-----do-----	5	-----
2d quarter, 1859-----do-----	20	-----
3d quarter, 1859-----do-----	9	-----
Total-----	61	-----

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<b>FLORIDA.</b>		
KEY WEST.		
4th quarter, 1858, John P. Baldwin, collector.....		1
1st quarter, 1859.....do.....		
2d quarter, 1859.....do.....	15	1
3d quarter, 1859.....do.....		
Total.....	15	2
<b>ALABAMA.</b>		
MOBILE.		
4th quarter, 1858, T. Sanford, collector.....	4	
1st quarter, 1859.....do.....	12	
2d quarter, 1859.....do.....	4	
3d quarter, 1859.....do.....	2	
Total.....	22	
<b>LOUISIANA</b>		
NEW ORLEANS.		
4th quarter, 1858, F. H. Hatch, collector.....	54	21
1st quarter, 1859.....do.....	49	7
2d quarter, 1859.....do.....	160	9
3d quarter, 1859.....do.....	28	
Total.....	291	37



## RECAPITULATION.

States.	Citizens.		
	Native.	Naturalized.	Total.
Maine .....	1,392	33	1,425
New Hampshire .....	20	-----	20
Massachusetts .....	2,918	69	2,987
Rhode Island .....	151	4	155
New York .....	675	215	890
Pennsylvania .....	567	32	599
Maryland .....	43	2	45
Virginia .....	399	5	404
North Carolina .....	47	1	48
South Carolina .....	39	-----	39
Georgia .....	61	-----	61
Florida .....	15	2	17
Alabama .....	22	-----	22
Louisiana .....	291	37	328
Total .....	6,640	400	7,040

*A statement exhibiting the number of American seamen registered in the United States during each of the last twenty years, namely, from September 30, 1839, to September 30, 1859.*

Year ending—	Citizens.		
	Native.	Naturalized.	Total.
September 30, 1840 .....	7,951	140	8,091
1841 .....	9,015	148	9,163
1842 .....	7,738	160	7,898
1843 .....	7,084	92	7,176
1844 .....	8,220	147	8,367
1845 .....	8,450	129	8,579
1846 .....	8,018	105	8,123
1847 .....	6,867	122	6,989
1848 .....	8,159	92	8,251
1849 .....	9,843	241	10,084
1850 .....	8,998	193	9,194
1851 .....	8,565	171	8,736
1852 .....	9,863	286	10,149
1853 .....	9,010	253	9,263
1854 .....	8,617	302	8,919
1855 .....	9,386	300	9,686
1856 .....	7,859	257	8,116
1857 .....	7,923	221	8,144
1858 .....	6,579	310	6,889
1859 .....	6,640	400	7,040

